

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on January 20, 2005 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Duane Grimes (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jon Tester (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Annie Glover, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 192, 1/17/2005; SB 183,
1/17/2005
Executive Action: SB 183, SB 108, SB 188

00:00:00

HEARING ON SB 192

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. RICK LAIBLE (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 192, Remove gift certificates from abandoned property.

00:03:10

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association

EXHIBIT(bus15a01)

EXHIBIT(bus15a02)

Mr. Charles Brooks, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce

00:08:17

Opponents' Testimony:

Mr. Neil Peterson, Montana Department of Revenue

EXHIBIT(bus15a03)

Informational Testimony: None

00:15:53

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:51

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:12

HEARING ON SB 183

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. RICK LAIBLE (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 183, Revise requirements for real estate agents acting as property managers.

EXHIBIT(bus15a04)

00:35:39

Proponents' Testimony:

Ms. Merilynn Foss, Real Estate Broker

EXHIBIT(bus15a05)

Mr. Chris Christaens, Montana Landlord Association, Property Managers

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

00:43:29

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:24

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. JOE BALYEAT, SD 34, BOZEMAN entered.

00:47:56

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 188

Motion: SEN. ROUSH moved that SB 188 DO PASS.

Discussion:

Motion/Vote: SEN. ROUSH moved that SB 188 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus15a06)

Motion/Vote: SEN. ROUSH moved that SB 188 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

SEN. COCCHIARELLA proxied for SEN. SQUIRES.

SEN. GRIMES voted by proxy when he entered the meeting.

SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES, SD 48, MISSOULA entered.

00:49:47

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 108

Motion: SEN. LEWIS moved that SB 108 DO PASS.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus15a07)

SEN. DUANE GRIMES, SD 39, CLANCY entered.

Motion/Vote: SEN. LEWIS moved that SB 108 BE AMENDED by SB010805.apm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: SEN. BALYEAT moved that SB 108 BE AMENDED by SB010804.apm.

EXHIBIT(bus15a08)

Discussion:

Mr. Jerry Keck, Department of Labor and Industry
Mr. Kevin Braun, Department of Labor and Industry
Mr. Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Jason Miller, Interim SB 270 Study Committee
Ms. Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund

Motion/Vote: SEN. BALYEAT moved that SB 108 BE AMENDED. Motion failed 9-2 by voice vote with BALYEAT and STEINBEISSER voting aye.

Motion/Vote: SEN. LEWIS moved that SB 108 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

01:30:00

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 183

Motion: SEN. STEINBEISSER moved that SB 183 DO PASS.

Discussion:

Motion/Vote: SEN. STEINBEISSER moved that SB 183 BE AMENDED by SB018301.apm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. STEINBEISSER moved that SB 183 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

01:31:50

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:37 A.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

VC/ag

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([bus15aad0.PDF](#))